

GREAT COMMERCIAL CONGRESS CONVENES

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MANY PROMINENT MEN PRESENT

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Special to Daily Panhandle.

Kansas City, Nov. 20.—More than 2,000 delegates were present at the opening session of the seventeenth annual convention of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress in Convention hall today. All of the leading commercial bodies of the twenty-four states and territories lying between the Mississippi river and the Pacific coast are represented at the meeting, which promises to be the most notable of its kind ever held in the West. The visitors were welcomed by Governor Joseph Folk and United States Senator W. J. Stone and William Warren of Missouri and by Governor Hoch on behalf of the state of Kansas. Responses were made by Governor McDonald of Colorado, Governor McKim of Nebraska, Governor Francis of Oklahoma, Governor Pardee of California, Governor Blanchard of Louisiana and Governor-elect Little of Arkansas.

Elihu Root, secretary of state, is the guest of honor at today's session and will deliver an address dealing with the trade relations of the United States and other American countries. Secretary Root spoke last night at the Commercial club banquet, presenting a strong case for trade expansion, and his speech today will be an elaboration on that subject. The recent visit of Mr. Root to South America enables him to speak with authority on the matter of our commercial relations with Latin-America, and his speech here will no doubt attract wide attention. Secretary Root is accompanied on his western trip by John Barrett, United States minister to Colombia, who will also speak before the congress today.

Secretary Leslie M. Shaw will address the congress Thursday on his favorite topic of national finance. Other famous men who are to make formal addresses at the congress are:

William J. Bryan, Senator John H. Carroll, of Kentucky; E. H. Harriman, of New York; Representative Joseph E. Randall, of Louisiana, president of the National River and Harbor association; John H. Smith, of Utah and W. D. Vandiver, of Missouri, superintendent of insurance. Twelve United States senators are participating in the congress, including Senators Patterson and Teller, of Colorado; Burkett and McHardy, of Nebraska; Long and Benson, of Kansas; Heyburn and Dubois, of Idaho; Piles and Aukaway, of Washington; Warner of Missouri and Culbertson, of Texas.

Eighteen governors are among the delegates, as follows: Governor Jefferson Davis, of Arkansas; Wolf of Missouri; Hoch of Kansas; Baker, of Nebraska; Wood, of North Dakota; Scales of North Dakota; Brooks, of Wyoming; McDonald, of Colorado; Gooding, of Idaho; Francis, of Oklahoma; Hagerman, of New Mexico; Blanchard, of Louisiana; Pardee, of California; Sparks of Nevada and Governor-elect Sheldon, of Nebraska; Campbell, of Texas; Hochel, of Colorado and Little of Arkansas.

Among the important subjects to be discussed are: the necessity of concerted action to secure the restoration of the river west of the Mississippi to navigation and securing federal aid to carry on the work. The securing of desirable immigrants for the new reclaimed public lands now being adapted to agriculture under the reclamation act will be taken up.

The livestock industry, the isthmian canal, oriental trade, government ownership of railroads, levee systems in Texas and Louisiana, drainage of public lands and the deep water lake-to-the-gulf project will also be considered.

The Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress was organized in Kansas City seventeen years ago under the name of the Western States Commercial association, and the present name was adopted at the second meeting, held in Galveston 1890. From its foundation the congress has played an important part in the development of the western states and territories and in the influence it has exerted in securing desirable legislation in the interest of the people living between the Mississippi and the Pacific coast.

Representatives of the San Francisco chamber of commerce have extended an invitation to the congress to hold its next meeting in that city. Denver and New Orleans are also candidates for the meeting next year.

Ex-Governor David R. Francis, who was president of the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, is president of the congress and Colonel Frederick W. Fleming is chairman of the executive committee. The congress will last until Friday evening and the visitors will be tendered many banquets and receptions by the commercial bodies of Kansas City during their stay here.

Many Speakers of Note.

Associated Press. Kansas City, Nov. 20.—When the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress convened in annual session here this morning in the convention hall, that vast auditorium was crowded with delegates and spectators from every state in the union. The program of the first day included the annual address of David R. Francis, president of the congress. At the afternoon session H. D. Loveland of San Francisco, vice president, was listed to make an address on behalf of the Golden Gate City and the state of California. To him having been delegated the authority to make a short public announcement to the people of the country as an expression of gratitude for the splendid manner in which they responded to the appeal for help following the great earthquake and fire.

At the afternoon session also, E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific railroad is down for an informal talk; Victor C. Alderson, president of the Colorado School of Mines, who is authorized to speak for the Western Federation of Miners and T. B. Thurber of New York, is to speak of Socialism, its influence upon business and the development of our country.

The most important session of the day will be this evening when Secretary Root is to deliver an address on the Commercial relations with the South American Republics to which replies are to be made by Minister Calderon of Bolivia, Pardee, of Peru, Cortes, of Colombia, first secretary of the Brazilian legation, Sylvio DeAmorim and Albert Yocham in charge of the Chilean legation.

Late Arrivals. Kansas City, Nov. 20.—Among the late arrivals for the Trans-Mississippi

sipt congress are the big Texas delegation in charge of Senator Harris and Judge Walter Gresham, Governor-elect Buchtel and 100 delegates from Colorado, Governor Prince with the New Mexican delegation and Fennimore Chatterton, secretary of state of Wyoming with fifteen delegates.

Storm Abated in Kansas. Topeka, Kan., Nov. 20.—The storm over this section of Kansas abated today. The Rock Island of flects say their only trouble is in the El Paso division between Bucklin and Liberal, a K., where there are four overland trains stuck in the cuts. They claim traffic will be opened by noon.

A Serious Situation.

Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 20.—With the rain still falling at times reaching a down pour, the situation in this section of the state becomes more serious. It is estimated the flood has already caused losses of \$250,000 in Shelby county alone. The railroad conditions today continue about as last night with no immediate prospect of a resumption of traffic.

(From Tuesday's Daily Panhandle.)

Supper Called Off.—On account of the severe snowstorm the ladies of the Christian church have called off the oyster supper to have been held Friday and Saturday evenings. They will notify the public in the near future when the supper will be held.

Hayden-Rauber.

Friday at the home of the bride's parents in Ft. Worth, Harry Hayden was married to Miss Lydia Marguerite Rauber. The young couple immediately set out for their Amarillo home and arrived here Sunday morning on the south bound Santa Fe in spite of conductor Harris' efforts to spring a complete surprise. The wedding was known in Amarillo before his return and his friends were ready with congratulations and substantial evidences of best wishes.

Harry Hayden has lived from boyhood in Amarillo and is now conductor on the Santa Fe. He is widely popular in railway and other circles and has a host of friends who will welcome him and his bride. Mrs. Hayden though never a resident of Amarillo has visited here and made a number of friends who gladly hail her return. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden will be at home on Johnson street.

Delayed Cattle Shipments.—Seven cars of stock have been held up in the local yards since Friday waiting for shipment to Kansas markets. The shippers secured cars Sunday but for obvious reasons did not use them. H. B. Molyneux has two cars of mixed stuff; Harding, Beverly and Sowder have several cars of feeders for the Kansas City markets, and Felix Franklin has three cars of calves to go to feed yards at Wellington, Kansas. The cattle will be loaded as soon as the tracks are cleared.

Blizzard Stops the Schools.—The northern with its snow drifts was too much for the schools both yesterday and today. The high school was dismissed and today all grades were given a vacation. At the Polk street building, which is still dependent on stoves, the janitor had kept the fires going from six o'clock and the rooms were comfortable but the drafts and key wind prevented the majority of school children from getting to the building, and made it dangerous for any of them to come. At the high school building the new steam heating plant was put to an extreme test yesterday and failed to make good. The same mistake which has made most heating plants unsatisfactory in this country has been made in the installation at the high school. The boiler is apparently adequate to any demands that may be made upon it, but the radiator surface is insufficient to heat the rooms. With additional radiators and weather stripped windows the high school building can be made the best heated building in town. These improvements will be made at once. After the moderating weather today, it is not likely that the enforced vacation will continue any longer in any of the schools.

Earthquake in Australia. Associated Press. Perth, West Australia, Nov. 20.—An earthquake was felt here at 3:30 last afternoon along the whole coast from Albany to Sharks Bay. The disturbance was very serious at Perth, Bussellton and Geraldton.

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SNOW STORM HAS ABATED

El Paso Has Most Severe for Years and Many Mexicans Suffer.

LOCAL RECORD IS 13.8

Biggest Single Day's Snow Storm in History of the Panhandle—Railway Traffic Almost at Standstill.

Not many times in its history has Amarillo been so completely cut off from the rest of the world as she has been since Sunday. The Rock Island had to adjourn operations completely at the Amarillo end of the line and is waiting for the crews to break in from the east. The Santa Fe had more than their hands full with the situation in Kansas and is just beginning to work on the Texas end. The passenger train coming north on the Pecos Valley division was confronted with the necessity of making a dash for the pole and concluded to winter in Roswell. The Denver kept busy and had trouble but is nearly ready to resume regular train service.

The Denver Bucked the Drifts. Yesterday the southbound Denver bucked its way into Amarillo but froze into a snow drift a few miles east of here and spent the night. Another train from the south stuck a little further down the line. Yesterday evening's southbound went in winter quarters about four miles north of Amarillo and the passengers spent a night they are not likely to wish to repeat.

No Chuck and No Five.

"Was it cold?" answered M. B. Eamster of Kansas City, as he registered at the Amarillo this afternoon. "Well the engine used up all the coal and there wasn't any steam in the cars, so it just naturally was cold. It was also hungry, at least, if the looks of the passengers went for anything. Some relative of John B. Rockefeller, I think came along selling two pieces of bacon and two biscuits for 50c, coffee 10c a cup. But my, it was worth \$5."

Many of the passengers came in on backs and wagons from the blockaded trains and the appetites they took to the various restaurants amply backed up their hard winter stories.

13.8 Inch Snowfall.

The total snowfall as reported by Mr. Considine, official observer at the weather bureau, was 13.8 inches. The lowest degree reached was 12 degrees above zero.

The general opinion is that the storm, save for the discomforts inseparable from the sudden cold, will cause no serious damage. The storm will delay building and will cause some losses to builders. It was never severe enough to damage cattle unless it was long continued, and its undoubted benefit to the wheat crop has given cause for rejoicing to both the men who farm land and the men who sell land.

(From Tuesday's Daily Panhandle.)

Licensed to Wed.—U. Smith and Mrs. Ethel Boatman appeared at the clerk's office Saturday for the documentary evidence of their intention to wed and were shortly afterward joined in matrimony by the Rev. L. C. Kirkes, at the Fillmore street parsonage. Both parties to this contract, whether from a fondness for Texas license or a doubt as to the efficacy of the new state's documents, came from Oklahoma and expressed their intention to return to that state to enjoy the happiness ever after. County Clerk Wolf also issued a license Saturday to H. F. Walker and Miss Elsie Parrell.

Cablegram From Peary.

Associated Press. New York, Nov. 20.—Morris Jessup in this city today received the following cablegram from Peary dated Sandy Point, N. F., today: "Passed Cape St. George at noon Saturday. Unable to weather Cape Agulhile. Will swing to head winds and sea. Ran in here at daylight this morning for coal. Shall proceed when the weather is favorable for crossing the gulf. PEARY."

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION

Department Will Look Into Insurance Matters.

Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—Secretary McCall of the department of commerce and labor has directed the commissioner of corporations to make an investigation of the action of fire insurance companies in the settlement of claims for losses resulting from the earthquake and fire in San Francisco and other places in California. George Butler of California has been appointed agent to conduct the investigations in California.

Severe Snow Storm.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 20.—One of the most severe snowstorms in the history of El Paso has been raging over this section.

The telephone and telegraph service is crippled badly and the street cars run with difficulty. There is great suffering among the poor Mexican families in the lower portion of the city where they were unprepared for cold. Great damage to cattle and sheep is feared in West Texas and New Mexico.

Norfolk and Western Increase.

Norfolk, W. Va., Nov. 20.—The Norfolk & Western railroad, beginning Dec. 1, will grant an increase of 10 per cent in wages to all employees receiving less than \$200 per month.

Enormous Dividends.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 20.—The directors of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Co., today declared a quarterly dividend of \$20. This with \$20 three months ago and \$15 six months ago and a year ago with the payment of this dividend the total dividends have amounted to \$99,350,000.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANADIAN BRIDGE

The present blizzard and snow fall is working a hardship on the contractors for the new Canadian river bridge and will seriously delay the construction. Before the storm the work of hauling the material to the river had been progressing very satisfactorily and a large quantity of structural material had been placed on the ground. Much of the heavy timbers and structural iron is yet to be hauled, however, and when the snow melts from the present fall the roads will be practically impassable for heavy hauling for a couple of weeks.

The contractors have set up their construction camp on the river and will have to keep their men in idleness till the weather moderates and the river returns to its normal condition. The melting snow will make a considerable rise but the bed of the river is much more stable in winter and is not likely to become very soft. It is twenty miles to the site of the bridge and the difficulties, owing to lack of railroad communications, are great enough without added obstacles from adverse weather.

AMARILLO GETS M. E. CONFERENCE

"We are now ordering a number of the largest and most rapid incubators, chicken cholera is unknown in the Panhandle and Amarillo has never yet entertained a Methodist conference."

In such glowing terms, the Amarillo delegation suggested in their speech of invitation, the charms and opportunities of Amarillo before the West Texas conference now in session at Brownwood. The possibilities suggested by Rev. Ferguson and his companions appealed so irresistibly to the seven hundred delegates in convention assembled that they immediately voted Amarillo their next meeting place and are now dreaming of the charms of Amarillo, the place where "chicken cholera is unknown and which no Methodist conference has yet visited."

Dr. T. F. McGee, Dr. J. W. Cartwright and Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson left last week to represent the Amarillo church in the conference. They were prepared to invite the

The Canadian river bridge when completed, will mark a new departure in river improvement. The treacherous quicksand bed of the Canadian makes it an extremely dangerous stream to ford and a difficult river to bridge. The place chosen for the new bridge is one of the very few places along the river where such a structure would be possible. At this point, however, it has been found that a hard foundation underlies the sand at a depth of from twenty to fifty feet. On this stratum of hard pan the concrete piers will rest. The new bridge will give a wide territory north of the river, a nearer outlet to the railroad and will be of constantly increasing value to Amarillo and the counties north.

Carnegie Denies Story.

New York, Nov. 20.—The report that Carnegie promised a million dollars to Congressman Bartholdt of Missouri, to promote the cause of international arbitration is denied at the residence of Carnegie in this city today. Carnegie sent word that there was no basis for the story.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

To Be Had in Negro Matter TH. Taft Returns. Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—Secretary Taft will return to Washington this afternoon and until his arrival there will be no further action concerning the three companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry sentenced to dismissal for their participation in the riot at Brownsville, Texas. The case will not formally be disposed of until instructions are received from the President.

Negroes Going Home.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Nov. 20.—The first discharge of colored troops at Fort Reno was made yesterday when twenty-five soldiers were paid off and given transportation to their homes. Twenty-five or thirty will be discharged each day as the rolls are completed until all of the discharged soldiers leave for their homes in order to use transportation furnished.

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Was no Surprise.

Ft. Reno, O. T., Nov. 20.—The order received from Washington last night to hold in obedience the order discharging the negro troops without honor did not come as a surprise to Fort Reno. The military men who watched the extent of public feeling against the discharge orders have believed the war department would delay carrying out until investigated further. Before the order was received here twenty-four members of company B had already been discharged without honor. The soldiers were orderly and well behaved and did not display any ugly feeling.

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